



## EMMET DALTON'S PLEA.

Will Ask For Commutation—His Letter.

Coffeyville Journal.

The Journal received, Tuesday, the following interesting letter from Emmet Dalton, which is cheerfully printed:

Lansing, Kan., May 8.—To the editor of The Journal, Coffeyville, Kan.: Dear Sir.—I notice in the issue of your paper of May 4, an article relative to my pardon. Now, once for all, I want it distinctly understood that I have not applied to Governor Stanley, for a pardon, nor have I any intention of asking for one.

It may be true that friends who have confidence in my future conduct by my department here have written the governor asking him to look into my case when it comes up, but that is as far as it goes.

But there is one statement I wish to make, and that is: When the time comes that I feel I have been sufficiently punished and can get the consent of a majority of those personally interested, I shall ask that my sentence be commuted to a reasonable number of years, and I have ample reason to believe I will be successful. If not, there is nothing in prison reform, humanity or justice.

Another thought: If the people aim to give me another chance in this life, why not do it before I am old, broken down, unambitious, and can become nothing but a public charge, if released, and while there is still a show for me to do partially atone for the past. Respectfully,

EMMET DALTON.

Not in Texas Only.

Literature probably has made some advancement in the last quarter of a century, but it has not outlasted former productions of great minds. There is one story in particular that might well be recommended to a number of our fellow workers in the newspaper world in Texas at present. It is a simple, child's story of the dog with a piece of meat in his mouth passing over a bridge, and glancing below, saw his reflection, and thinking it another dog with a piece of meat, made a grab for it, and lost both the substance and the shadow. Don't be a grabber. Don't be envious of your neighbors. If they get something which you wanted, it was probably because of their hustling qualities. Don't kick, complain and grumble, but hustle—that is the way to make your town or your business grow.

Some "Fine" Writing.

Among the vicissitudes of life nothing is so capricious as diplomacy and war—and to carry out the well accepted theory—a woman's love. If, for instance, the Curtis bill is suspended in the Cherokee nation, it to those people will be another signature of King John. Maybe it will do them good, maybe an injury, but let us hope that all will be beneficial in either way. There is the grand magnanimity of mercy—it is an attribute, however applied, and whether it is in granting amnesty, in the chivalrous treatment of a Cervera, or the "law's delays" extended in its fullest beneficence toward the Cherokee nation—all is the same. Mercy to a fallen foe is the greatest—it is the sublimation of manhood and the dedication of the goodness of humanity. —South McAlester Capital.

Developments tend to show that no action looking to immediate allotment of land in the Cherokee nation will be attempted by the Dawes commission at this time. The prospect of an agreement being made at an early day whereby the Cherokee nation will consent to the final abolition of tribal relations and to the individualization of title is the reason for delay. Then the Dawes commission has work enough mapped out to keep it busy for the balance of this year at least. However, the proper thing to do is for every Cherokee to get into possession of land enough for an allotment when it comes.

A lone sheriff at Cleveland county, Oklahoma, has proven to be a "bigger man" than the Santa Fe railroad company. The company refused to pay its taxes, and the sheriff levied on the cars standing on the sidings, closed the switches and locked them. The railroad people claimed the assessment was too high and tendered the sheriff the amount they thought it should be assessed, but the sheriff couldn't see it that way and proceeded to chain them up. Passengers were not interfered with.

## SINGER MAN GONE WRONG

Collected Money and Left the Country.

Wm. Harold, a sewing machine agent who has been in the employ of A. M. Brock, agent of the Singer company in this city, for the last three months, has absconded with some of the company's funds and Mr. Brock is now looking for him. Harold drove to Chelsea the first day of May taking Mr. Brock's team and two sewing machines with him, which he sold for cash at a reduced price and pocketed the money. He also made other collections and on Wednesday of last week left Chelsea on the Frisco local at night, west bound, for parts unknown.

One of the machines disposed of was sold to Mrs. James Kell of Chelsea, for \$25, the same being a \$65 machine. Harold forged a contract for this machine and sent it in, and ordered another machine sent out by express which was sent and was found by Mr. Brock Wednesday. The team was in the livery stable at Chelsea with about \$10 charges against it. Harold has a wife somewhere in Indiana, from whom he has been separated for some time and claimed while here that she was in Oakland, California, but letters received here since his disappearance indicate that she is not there, but in Indiana.

Hon. John E. Gunter.

Hon. John E. Gunter of Redland, Sequoyah district, is a candidate for chief on the Downing ticket, subject to the Downing convention, which meets on the 22nd inst. Mr. Gunter is no stranger to the Cherokee people, having served on the bench as chief justice, also held other public offices of trust and honor, and is at present senator from Sequoyah district. Mr. Gunter is a man with a clean record both public and private, and is competent and worthy to hold any office within the gift of the Cherokee people. His father, Judge Gunter, was a wealthy man in Georgia, before coming to this nation. He erected the first cotton gin in the Indian Territory, which stood about a mile south of where the town of Muldrow is now located, on the farm which his daughter, Mrs. Pack, now occupies. This was a favorite stopping place for Sequoyah, the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet, as he came and went to Ft. Smith from his home about 13 miles north-west. John E. Gunter as a candidate for chief of the Cherokee nation should be entitled to consideration and respect of the coming Downing convention. —Ft. Gibson Post.

St. Louis Cattle Market.

During the week Texas and Indian Territory cows and heifers were scarce. Cows sold at \$3.15 to \$3.75 and heifers at \$4.10 to \$4.25 with two loads 654 pounds average at \$4.10 from Chelsea, I. T.

During the week the best Southern cattle were from Henrietta, Texas, averaged 1,533 pounds and brought \$4.95. Steers from Taylor, Texas, 1,226 pounds average sold at \$4.80, and from Fairland, I. T., 1,231 pounds average, sold at \$4.75.

During the week common Texas and Indian Territory fed steers 700 to 1,002 pounds average sold at \$3.40 to \$4.05, medium grades 700 to 1,025 pounds average at \$4.15 to \$4.35, good offerings 900 to 1,262 pounds average at \$4.40 to \$4.65 and the best kinds 1,225 to 1,583 pounds average at \$4.70 to \$4.95.

Bowles & Hunolt, of Vinita, I. T., marketed 165 steers 1,095 pounds average at \$4.65. They were sold to Swift & Company.

Jeff Mundy, of Chelsea, I. T., had a choice consignment of butcher cattle on the market consisting of 60 head of prime 654-pound heifers sold at \$4.10 to the St. Louis Dressed Beef Co.

No Other Townsite Commissions Appointed.

The U. S. Indian inspector for the Indian Territory is in receipt of a communication from the honorable secretary of the interior, dated May 6, 1899, in response to an inquiry as to whether or not townsite commissions would be appointed, at the present time, for other towns in the Creek and Cherokee nations.

The secretary advises that on account of the lack of available funds, no other townsite commissions than those now in the field will be appointed during the present season, at least.

THE "KATY" FLYER.

## THE NEGRO WAS SCARED.

Railroad Men at Monett are Active.

A colored man had a thrilling experience in the city of Monett. As is well known the railroad men in that town do not allow a colored man to linger long there, but of this the traveling darkey knew nothing. Innocent of approaching harm, he arrived in Monett from Arkansas. Being hungry he hunted a nearby restaurant and went in to get supper. No one was in the room at the time, but in a short time a little white girl appeared, she looked at him a moment but did not offer to take his order. She disappeared in the kitchen and the colored man sat still, hoping that some one would serve him.

In about ten minutes a crowd of railroad men appeared in front and at the same time another lot of them came in the back way. They carried a long rope, which was unceremoniously thrown around the darkey's neck. He was then led out amid a hooting and jeering throng, taken to the railroad and given three minutes to get outside of the corporate limits.

Mr. Darkey didn't need so much time, and said he still had two minutes and a half time coming to him there. He ran as he never ran before and did not check his speed until he was a long distance this side of Peirce City. For once in his life the fellow said he was "plum skeered to def" and he swore by all the fabled gods of Ethiopia that he would go clear around by St. Louis before he ever tried to go back to Arkansas by the way of Monett.—Ft. Smith Times.

The Grand Jury.

After nine days' session the grand jury has taken a recess until the 19th of June, at which time it will reconvene to continue the session until the evil doers shall have been put on the dockets of the United States courts of the Northern district. During the present sitting 47 true bills have been found and eight cases have been ignored. Of the true bills found three are for murder, four for assault to kill and one for manslaughter and 15 for kidnapping. The remainder are for the various degrees of larceny, whiskey, etc. We understand that one cause of the recess at this time is that the waters are so high that witnesses cannot be brought before the grand jury to give evidence.—Muskogee Times.

It is gratifying to note the alacrity with which the people of Vinita take hold of a proposition to establish a first class public school system. From present indications there will be little or no opposition to the levy of six mills or more if necessary to maintain the schools, and the heaviest taxpayers of the town as a rule are the most enthusiastic advocates of the enterprise. As to the purchase of the Worcester academy property nothing definite can be said, but it is earnestly hoped that some provision can be made whereby the city can possess itself of that excellent piece of school property. However, if the academy cannot be had on reasonable terms, a building can be erected on the lot owned by the city.

The new Creek treaty seems to have a "hard road to travel." When it was first voted on, the smallpox scare prevented a full vote and a count, and so it was passed over and a new election ordered to be held on May the first, and the count should have taken place on May 10th, but the high water cut off the members of the Creek council and no council convened, and the meeting of the council has been postponed for one week. It is believed that the treaty has been adopted at both of the elections, but the vote is still a sealed question.—Muskogee Times.

Keeler-Car Wedding.

William Keeler and Miss Lula B. Carr of Bartlesville were married at the residence of T. King in this city Tuesday evening by Rev. H. J. Hoover. Mr. and Mrs. Keeler will make their home at Bartlesville.—Coffeyville Journal.

James Elliott, for a great many years manager of the coal company's store at Krebs, is going to Joplin to engage in business on his own account.

There is one thing that never gets any lower as the seasons come and go—the bottom of the strawberry box.

## TO PARK RIGHT OF WAY.

Plan to Convert an Eye-Sore Into a Beauty Spot.

A number of gentlemen interested in the present and future welfare of Vinita met with the mayor and some members of the city council at Fortner and Bagby's office Friday afternoon to formulate plans for the creation and improvement of a city park or plaza on the block of railroad land lying between Wilson street and the Katy right-of-way and Illinois avenue and the Frisco. The plan suggested and unanimously agreed upon was to ask the Frisco to remove its wye, which crosses diagonally the plat of land proposed to be made into a park, and at the same time ask the Katy to allow one hundred feet to remain on the west of its right of way. This would give a block of ground about 250 feet by 400 in extent, to be laid out into a beautiful city square, set with ornamental trees and shrubbery and laid out with gravel walks and flower beds. Dr. Fortner went to St. Louis Saturday evening to interview the railroad officials as to the relinquishment of their rights in the matter.

THE PETITION.

To Vice Presidents and General Managers of the St. Louis and San Francisco and Missouri, Kansas and Texas Ry. Co's.: Your petitioners respectfully represent that in the town of Vinita, I. T., there is a parcel of land situated north of Illinois avenue, east of Wilson street, south of the Frisco railway track and west of the M., K. & T. track, which could be made a beautiful plaza, lying as it does immediately between the respective roads, and in close proximity with the business part of town. It is the earnest desire of our petitioners, the business men and residents of the incorporated town of Vinita, that the ground so situated be used for a plaza, and it is the purpose of the citizens of said town if there can be obtained the consent and co-operation of all parties interested, to by private subscription enclose and properly plat, gravel and sod, plant trees in and otherwise beautify said grounds, and to turn the same over to the incorporated town of Vinita with every assurance that the same will be properly cared for and kept up. It is purposed to make it "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Your petitioners take occasion here to respectfully suggest the hope upon their part that when new depots are built that they may be located at or in the immediate vicinity of their present location, for the reason that the great object in making, beautifying and keeping the plaza in contemplation, would be destroyed by the removal of both, or either, of the depots to a different location.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

NO MAN IN THE WELL.

This Was the Judgment of the Fishers.

Andrew Underwood, an old man who has been living up near the Katy stock yards created a stir in town Friday by announcing that he had discovered the dead body of a man in the big well at the old Katy tank in the north part of town. Underwood's story is that several months ago while fishing for a sunken bucket in the well that he drew to the surface what he took to be the body of a man. He reported the matter to the neighbors who used water from the well but none of them seemed credulous enough to even make an investigation, yet he still avers that it was the body of a man.

About one hundred men and boys prepared to the old well Friday morning armed with ropes and hooks, and after fishing for an hour or two gave up the idea of finding anything and departed with a good deal of inward disappointment.

Last Friday evening a woman appeared on the streets with "blood in her eyes." She was in search of a man that she claimed had defamed her character. He was located at the east end of Third street and was treated to a few stiff blows from an umbrella in the hands of the irate woman which resulted in demolishing the umbrella. A fine of \$5 resulted for the wielder of the "showing stick" Saturday morning.—Claremore Vindicator.

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The Popular Cash Store.....

## JOHN C. GRAY.

## WHAT FEEDS SALOONS?

Rev. J. S. Lamar Gives His Opinions.

Every branch of industry, business, trade, commerce, etc., in order to do business must have raw material to work upon. The saw mill must have logs, the grist mill have grain, the paper mill must have old rags, the gin mill must have cotton, and the "saloon mill" must have boys.

It is an absolute fact that the saloon mill must have boys as raw material to work upon in order to continue to do business. As logs to the saw mill, as grain to the flouring mill, so are boys to the saloon mill.

Withhold the logs and the lumber supply and trade would at once decline and soon end; withhold the boys from the infernal saloon mill, and as soon as the old toppers, whose hides are soaked in beer, are dead, which will not be long, the infamous saloon mill will cease to grind.

One boy out of every five families, or one out of every twenty boys in America, are annually ground up, soul and body, in the saloon mills of the land.

Whose boy shall be the next victim? Some mother's delight, some father's pride, must be crushed, and torn and ground in the "drunkard factory" and "murder mill" saloon is allowed to run on. Parent, if you thought that your boy would be the next victim of this heartless, soulless, death-dealing and damning monster, would you not be in favor of closing her down?

But your neighbor's boy has already been ground and murdered, and scores of others are in the mill's hopper just now. Will you stand idly by looking on at all this scene of torture without once lifting up your hand or voice to help the poor defenseless victim?

The horrible burning of one poor guilty negro in Georgia a few weeks ago is still fresh in your mind, and your tender, sympathetic heart chills and sickens at the very thought; yet you can stand and indifferently look, and even occasionally cheer and applaud, while one hundred thousand of our dear sons are burned and ground, cut, torn and mangled and crushed until they have suffered a thousand deaths in the hell-born saloon mill. "O consistency, thou art a jewel!"

I tell you, there is a "mob" more to be dreaded than the one who invaded an Indian settlement and burned alive two innocent Indian boys, and that's the mob of brewers, distillers, saloon keepers and beer and hop ale vendors, here and elsewhere, who are organized and banded together for no other purpose than to burn and destroy the bodies and souls of one hundred thousand of once innocent and harmless sons, of one hundred thousand weeping and heart-crushed mothers of America.

O men, let us rise up as one man, and close up and shut down the infernal saloon mills in our town, and save the morals, the character, the happiness, the usefulness, the lives and souls of our boys.—Checotah Enquirer.

THE NORMAL INSTITUTE.

An Enterprise of Importance to Teachers.

The Summer Normal at Worcester Academy should be given liberal patronage, by the teachers of the Indian Territory. It will be devoted to professional methods and new ideas in school management. Teachers must fit themselves for their work, if they hope to succeed. The progressive teacher will be favored always by educational boards. Physicians, lawyers and men of other professions, are kept abreast of the times by professional training. In the first normal to be held this year, first class instructors will be employed, and such instruction will be given as will be necessary for the conduct of a first class school.

Supt. Benedict, of Muskogee, has promised to give a series of talks to the teachers. This will be of especial interest, and a great benefit. All students who desire to pursue special studies will be accommodated. This will give those who wish to make up back work, an opportunity to advance themselves for higher standing in September.

This certainly is a rare opportunity for teachers and students. The term will open at the Academy June 12 and continue eight weeks. Further information may be secured by calling upon or addressing, W. A. CALDWELL.

The Vinita Chieftain asks "who owns this country and its timber, Cherokee people or the United States?" That's easy. The Cherokees own the land but the United States is running it for them.—Denison Herald.



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